

## O'CONNELL TO START MILK INVESTIGATION

Denies Board of Health Will Not Take Up Report of Committee.

FAVORS DEEP INQUIRY

Dr. Benschel, Acting Commissioner, Said Official Is Sure Nothing Alarming.

Dr. Joseph O'Connell, Health Officer of the Port of New York, and by virtue of that office one of the five members of the Board of Health, wrote a letter yesterday to the New York Milk Committee in which he said that he would take up with the other members of the Board of Health at the earliest opportunity the reports submitted by the committee regarding the quality of milk sold in restaurants and hotels.

The letter of Dr. O'Connell indicates that the position of at least this one member of the Board of Health is at variance with the attitude of the Department of Health as expressed by Dr. Walter Benschel recently when he said that he saw nothing to be alarmed at in the committee's report and already considered the report but that it had not been thought any particular action was needed.

Dr. Ernst J. Lederle, the Commissioner of the department, was on his vacation at the time and Dr. Benschel was speaking as acting Commissioner. After the statement of Dr. Benschel was published the milk committee, through its chairman, Stephen G. Williams, wrote a letter to the members of the Board of Health calling attention to the report and expressing the hope that it would not be allowed to go unnoticed, in view of the conditions it disclosed. Health Officer O'Connell's letter, which is in reply to this letter of Mr. Williams, follows:

I am quite sure that any statement which may have appeared in the press to the effect that the Board of Health intends to take no action upon the report of the Milk Committee is inaccurate. Commissioner Lederle has just returned to town and I do not know that either he or the Police Commissioner has authorized any person to speak for the Board of Health in this matter. I do know that I have not done so.

I know also that I am, and I feel quite convinced that my associates on the board are, intensely interested in the subject under discussion and that it is not only our duty but our desire to afford to consumers of milk the greatest protection possible against infection from that source.

I cannot understand how an impression could have been created that any physician or any man connected with a public medical department could remain indifferent as to the quality of the milk sold to the people of the city of New York. There is no question with which the Board of Health has to deal of greater moment than this. There is nothing that would more gravely impact the public health than the sale of impure milk.

Consequently, I can assure you that I shall take up with the other members of the board at the earliest possible opportunity the question of the various reports you have submitted and intend to submit in the future, and that I feel thankful and believe the other members of the board feel thankful to your committee for its painstaking and meritorious work in behalf of the milk consumers of this city.

There need be no doubt in your mind as to where I stand with respect to this matter. Regardless of the question as to who furnishes the milk and the other question, which I understand has been raised, as to the relation of the supply of milk to the demand, my conviction is clear and definite that the certification of the Health Department should mean something, and that no milk should be sold in the city with a misleading official label. This is your contention, as I understand your letter, and there is complete agreement between us.

### \$300,000 FLOOD DAMAGE.

Denver and Rio Grande Explains Heavy Operating Increase.

The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company in its report for the year ended June 30 last, gives its net income for the twelve months as \$1,128,920, compared with \$2,483,044 at the end of its fiscal year in 1911. The net income of 1912 is the equivalent of 2.26 per cent. earned on the \$49,779,800 preferred stock of the company. Last year the rate was 4.98 per cent. The falling off is chiefly attributable to the increase in the operating expense account of about \$1,000,000. In the last year the Denver and Rio Grande had great trouble with floods and about \$300,000 of this increase was sustained on that account.

The gross operating revenue was \$23,290,402, as compared with \$23,391,771 in 1911; the operating expenses \$19,064,218, as compared with \$15,857,737 a year ago. The net operating revenue, amounting to \$6,295,885, was reduced by about \$600,000 in taxes and other charges. Income from other sources raised the total income of the company to \$7,141,714, as against \$4,396,219 a year ago. Interest, rent and hire of equipment left the net income which appears above.

To this sum proceeds from a renewal fund were added, making a balance of \$1,096,920, as compared with \$2,363,044 in 1911. The dividends on the preferred stock of the company were passed, leaving that balance as the profit and loss surplus of the company.

The report includes the first annual statement of the Western Pacific Railway, which was put into operation on July 1, 1911, though part of its life was not at that time completed. The operating revenues of the line amounted to \$5,258,532. Its operating expenses were \$4,229,861. The surplus from operating the line was \$1,028,671, without making allowances for interest charges. Of its surplus, \$361,963 was applied toward unfinished construction.

### \$4,000,000 LAND PURCHASE.

Tract Bought for Bettering Chicago Railroad Terminal.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, on behalf of the associated railroads entering the Union Passenger Station, at Canal and Adams streets, including the Pennsylvania lines, the Chicago and Alton and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, has practically closed the purchase of the land belonging to the Crane Company on the east side of Canal street extending from Twelfth street south to Fifteenth street for \$4,000,000.

The transaction is to be completed within a few days. The land will be used in connection with the extensive terminal improvements now in contemplation by these roads.

### Oswego Wants Million From State.

ALBANY, Sept. 7.—The city of Oswego today filed a claim against the State for \$1,000,000 for the appropriation of land in the Seventh ward of that city for Barge Canal purposes.

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Knorr	375	75	Haines Bros.	400	155	Guild	475	225	Chickering	550	315
Wagner	350	75	Madelon	350	160	Mathushek	400	230	Solmer	600	325
Sterling	400	85	Bradbury	325	165	Solmer	500	230	Steck	425	330
Kranich & Bach	500	85	Radle	350	175	Pease	450	235	Kranich & Bach	500	340
Harman	500	95	Hasbrouck	350	180	Wheelock	350	240	Knabe	550	345
Chickering	550	95	Lauter	400	185	Solmer	500	240	Steinway	600	350
Tonk	350	100	Wagner	350	185	Kroeger & Sons	500	240	Steck	425	360
Blasius	350	110	Wheelock	350	185	Weber	600	245	Weber	550	370
Mathushek	400	110	Haines Bros.	400	190	Weber	550	250	Grands		
Smith & Barnes	400	115	Kohler & Campbell	350	190	Krakauer	450	260	Steck	900	380
Huntington	375	120	Behning	425	200	Fischer	450	265	Weber	900	425
Monarch	375	120	Mathushek	400	205	Chickering	500	280	Steinway	1100	495
Chickering	550	145	Pease	400	215	Steinway	600	285	Steinway	950	525
Weber	550	145	Cable	400	220	Chickering	550	295	Steinway	950	530

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### BURNED, PRAYING, UNDER AUTO.

Pastor Dies Planned in Wreck While His Children Look On.

PAULINA, Iowa, Sept. 7.—While his children looked on the Rev. H. Greff, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Germantown,

Iowa, was burned to death to-day under a wrecked automobile.

August Pauling took the Rev. Mr. Greff and their children for a ride. Six miles from Paulina the automobile jumped from the road and partly turned over. The children were thrown out and not hurt, but the Rev. Mr. Greff was pinned

beneath the car. Farmers heard the cries of the children and one hurried to the scene with a lantern, for it was early dawn. He dropped it accidentally and the gasoline burst into flames.

The rescuers made frantic attempts to reach the imprisoned clergyman, who prayed until the end came.

### SURETY CO. MAY REINSURE.

Injunction Denied to Minority Stockholders of the Empire.

Supreme Court Justice Kelly in Brooklyn yesterday denied the application of the minority stockholders of the Em-

pire Surety Company for an injunction to prevent the reinsurance of the company's business by the National Surety Company.

In the application it is alleged that the move would result in a loss of \$200,000 to the stockholders. In his memorandum Justice Kelly says the Superintendent of Insurance has

sufficient authority to protect all the interested parties and that nothing but the best plan of reinsurance or other adjustment of the Empire company's business would receive the Superintendent's consent.

It is understood that there will be an appeal from the decision.